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outputting from the memory module of the chip card at least one of (A) the stored message upon request automatically after the electrical device is powered up and (B) the stored message upon request in a user-initiated fashion.

21. (Amended) An electrical device, comprising:

a record/read unit that is configured to removably receive a chip card from a user;

an input device for inputting an acoustic message;

a voice digitization module for digitizing the received acoustic message; and

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a control system, the control system storing the digitized message in a memory module of the chip card, the chip card being inserted into the record/read unit by a user, the record/read unit outputting the stored message when at least one of (A) the electrical device is powered up and (B) a user-initiation commences.

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26. (Amended) The electrical device according to claim 21, wherein the input device includes circuitry adapted to allow an audio input of the message via multiple input devices.

28. (Amended) An automobile radio device, comprising:

a record/read unit that is configured to removably receive a chip card from a user;

a display;

an input device for inputting an acoustic message;

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a voice digitization module for digitizing the received acoustic message; and

a control system including a microprocessor, the microprocessor storing the digitized message in a memory module of the chip card, the chip card being inserted into the record/read unit, the control system

accommodating a voice output of the stored message, the record/read unit outputting the stored message via the display when at least one of (A) the automobile radio device is powered up and (B) a user-initiation commences.

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29. (Amended) The automobile radio device according to claim 28, wherein the input device includes circuitry adapted to allow an audio input of the message via multiple input devices.

Please add the following new claims:

31. (New) A method for storing and playing back a message via an electrical device, the electrical device including a record/read unit for a chip card, the method:

removably receiving a chip card from a user into the record/read unit;

acoustically receiving the message via an input device;

digitizing the received message via a voice digitization module;

storing the digitized message in a memory module of the chip card; and

outputting from the memory module of the chip card at least one of (A) the stored message upon request automatically after the electrical device is powered up and (B) the stored message upon request in a user-initiated fashion.

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32. (New) The method as recited in claim 31; further comprising:

selecting the input device from a plurality of input devices, and wherein the acoustically receiving step includes acoustically receiving the message via